Setting up of an Ordance Factory at Hazaribagh in Bihar

451. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred question 163 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether a decision to set up an Ordnance factory at Hazaribagh in Bihar has now been taken:

(b) if not, by when a decision in the matter will be taken; and

(c) the reasons for delay in taking a decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The setting up of an Ordnance Factory involves investment of a large magnitude. The proposal requires detailed scrutiny in terms of economic feasibility and utilisation of existing capacities in the country. It is not possible to indicate a timeframe within which the decision is likely to be taken as the proposal is linked up with the overall investment decision.

Subarnarekha rnose Project

452. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Subarnarekha multipurnose irrigation project has been targeted to be completed and the total acreage of land likely to be irrigated;

(b) the estimated cost of the project and the total amount spent so far for the execution of the project;

(c) what would be the irrigation potential of three States i.e. Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal after completion of the Project, and

fiom the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Subainarekin Muitipuipose Project is expected to be completed by 1993-94 envisaging irrigation to an area of 1.58 lauh hectares in Bihar, 0.9 lalch hectares in Orissa and 5 thousand hectares :*a* West Bengal.' Out of the estimated cost of Rs. 983 c:ores, an expenditure of about Rs.. 336 crows has been upto March, 1988.

(d) Provision exists for installation of a canal power house -t a ter date.

Poii *Reforms*

453 SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: ,

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Wil! the Minister of LAW AND RUSTIC be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the propos lis for poll refoims and whether the proposes will be incorporated in the repective Acts governing and njgulatine elections;

(b) *thi* time bv when a coranrehen-sivs legislation will be brought before the Parliament with to mead- to the Peoples Rep esenttion Act;

(c) .vhether Political Parties and other In?t tution.; in the conntry have been con u'ted in troe matter, if so, what is the reaction of various Political Parties and whether Government pronose to includ" their suggestions in the proposed Iesrislation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANSRAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Various proposals for electoral reforms are under active consideration. No final decision has been taken on the nSfo-ms to be introduced or the details timings of the amending legislation to be enacted.